



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 26, 2010, sentenced Richard Canfield to 12 months imprisonment following his conviction for possession of an unregistered machine gun. On November 25, 2008, a trooper with the Nebraska State Patrol stopped a vehicle owned and driven by co-defendant, Aaron Lawless, for speeding. As he was pulling over to stop, Lawless threw a marijuana pipe out of the vehicle. Both Lawless and Canfield had been smoking marijuana about 90 minutes previously. Two machine guns were found in the car that were owned by Canfield, who was traveling with Lawless. Neither machine gun bore a serial number, and neither machine gun was registered to either Canfield or Lawless in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Canfield and Lawless had been shooting the firearms near Cozad, Nebraska, earlier on November 25, 2008. Mr. Canfield was indicted by a federal grand jury in November 25, 2008, pled guilty on November 23, 2009, and was sentenced on February 26, 2010.

Name of Defendant: Richard Canfield

AKA:

Age: 32

City of Residence: Overland Park, Kansas

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Possession of Unregistered Machine Gun - 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Kearney, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 11/25/2008

Federal Arrest Date: 02/09/2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 11/25/2008

Initial Appearance Date: 02/09/2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 11/23/2009

Sentencing Date: 02/26/2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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